

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A wheel, ~~particularly~~ for use on an automotive ~~vehicles~~vehicle, the wheel comprising:

a substantially cylindrical wheel rim including at least one flange, the at least one flange having an end; and

a substantially circular wheel disc including at least one through bore, at least one projection that cooperates with the substantially cylindrical wheel rim, and a substantially annular end region that defines a first contact surface, wherein the first contact surface of the substantially circular wheel disc cooperates with the end of the at least one flange of the substantially cylindrical wheel rim, and the first contact surface defines an outer circumference of the substantially circular wheel disc.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the first contact surface ~~of the substantially circular wheel disc is fixed to the at least one flange of the substantially cylindrical wheel rim by a filling welding.~~

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the at least one projection faces an internal surface of the substantially ~~cylindrical~~circular wheel rim~~disc~~ and defines a second contact surface that cooperates with the substantially cylindrical wheel rim.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The wheel according to claim ~~4~~3, wherein the at least one projection is ~~substantially annular-segment shaped.~~

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The wheel according to claim ~~3~~1, wherein the at least one projection is ~~substantially annular-segment shaped.~~

6. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the end has a “J” shape.

7. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the substantially circular wheel disc includes a tear which overlaps a bore of the substantially cylindrical wheel rim.

8. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein the substantially circular wheel disc includes a second contact surface that cooperates with the substantially cylindrical wheel rim.
9. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein a cavity is defined between the first contact surface and the second contact surface.
10. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein the first contact surface and the second contact surface are fixed to the at least one flange by a filling welding.
11. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein the first contact surface is fixed to the at least one flange by a filling welding.
12. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein the second contact surface is fixed to the at least one flange by a filling welding.
13. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein the cavity is annular and faces towards the substantially cylindrical wheel rim.
14. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 8, wherein the cavity is annular and defines an outermost circumferential surface of the substantially circular wheel disc.